Sl. No.	Name of Secondary Switching Area	Name of the exchange
8		Velom
9.		Koomully
10		Kokkallur
11		Kayanna
12		Mavudy
13		Pooyamkutty
14	Ernakulam	Varappetty
15		Vaduthala
16	Kottyam	Punchavayal
17		Koottanad
18		Dhoni (Hemambika Nagar)
19	Palghat	Kanyampuram (Ottapalam)
20		Manappullikavu
21	Malappuram	Irimbiliyam
22		Vavvakkavu
23	Quilon	Kaithakode
24		Thudayannur
25		Paisakari
26	Cannanore	Arivilanjapoyil
27		Poinachi
28	Trivandrum	Thennur

Non-functioning of telephone connections

3049. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of telephone connections under telephone exchanges in Sector-3 Rohini, Delhi, remained non-functional during the month, of July and August, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, particularly in pocket C-13;

(c) the steps taken by authority concerned to rectify the problem;

(d) whether the computerised complaints registering machine did not work properly there during this period, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether some problems also occurred during the same period last year, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A large number of cable faults had occurred in this exchange area during the month of July and August, 2003. Due to these cable faults, 14,589 telephones went out of order. However, no cable fault occurred in Pocket C-13, Sector-3, Rohini.

(c) Majority of complaints were attended to within 3 days after rectifying cable fault.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

Leave of EDDA Staff

3050. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether EDDA staff in pursuance of Talwar Committtee Report is entitled to some leave which lapses if not availed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether EDDA staff, availing of such leave, has to make arrangement of his/her substitute during the leave period and some payment is made to the substitute;

(d) whether this rule has been changed by the Superintendent, Bihar Sharif Postal Circle without issuing any formal order; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) to (c) Consequent upon implementation of recommendations of Justice Talwar Committee constituted to examine system of Extra Departmental Agents, now called Gramin Dak Sevaks, their conditions of employment, wage structure etc., ten days' paid leave for every half year without facility of carry forward or encashment was